

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 9, 10 and 14 have been allowed. Claims 1-8, 11-13, 15 and 16 have been objected to by the Examiner. Claims 1, 3-5 and 11-13 are herein amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Objections Under *Ex Parte* Quayle

The December 28, 2004 Office Action is an *ex parte Quayle* action, indicating that prosecution on the merits is closed and the application is in condition for allowance except for a specified matter, which is the basis for the objection to claims 1-8, 11-13, 15 and 16.

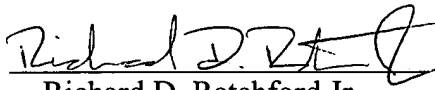
More specifically, the Examiner has objected to the claims 1-8, 11-13, 15 and 16 because of two informalities: (1) regarding claim 1, in line 13, “a crystal” should be replaced by “the crystal” and (2) regarding claims 3-5 and 11-13, in line 3 of each claim, the term “switching” should be replaced by the term “gating” to make the claim language more definite.

Applicants have amended the claims 1, 3-5 and 11-13 as per the Examiner’s suggestion to remove the informalities in these claims.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims as herein presented are allowable and that the objections be withdrawn. Applicants further submit that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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